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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner recited numerous features of various claims 1, 4 and 8 of the application. Since not all of the features of claim 1 of the application recited by the Examiner are common to claims 4 and 8, Applicant submits that each of claims 1, 4 and 8 should be interpreted to be limited only by their respective claim limitations.

Respectfully submitted,

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